Waiting List for LPG Connections in Karnataka

727. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the waiting period for LPG connections at Bangalore is over two years;

(b) what is the position of waiting list in Hubli, Dharwad, and other bigger cities in Karnataka;

(c) whether any steps are being taken to clear this waiting list; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 1st February, 1990 the waiting list for LPG connections in Hubli, Dharwad and other major cities in Karnataka was as follows:

S. No.	City	Waiting List
1.	Hubli Dharwad . .	4372
2.	Bijapur	1212
3.	Karwar	237
4.	Bangalore . . .	64716
5.	Mysore	5629
6.	Mangalore . . .	6102
7.	Belgaum. . . .	3479
8.	Gulbarga . . .	1761
9.	Raichur	840

(c) and (d) Release of new LPG connections is done by the oil industry all over the country, in a phased manner under its annual programme for enrolment of customers, subject to availability of LPG. Indigenous production is also supplemented by imports.

Fixing of Licence Fee for Quarters in Air India Colony, Vasant Vihar

728. SHRI MAULANA ASAD MADNI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has fixed the licence fee for its type A-1, A, B, and C quarters in the Air India Colony, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi:

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the same licence fee would be charged from those who retain the accommodation authorisedly after retirement for some time; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Licence fee recoverable from employees occupying type A-1 A, B and C quarters in Air India Colony, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi is at the rate of 7½% of the basic pay of the concerned employee subject to a maximum of 7½% at the mid-point of the pay scale, in the case of employees below grade of Rs. 910—1700 (pre-revised). In the case of employees in the grade of Rs. 910—1700 (pre-revised) and above, licence fee is recoverable at the rate of 10% of the basic pay subject to a maximum of 10% at the mid-point of the pay scale. The same licence fee is charged to those employees who retain

accommodation with permission after retirement upto a period of two months.

Hubli Airport

729. SHRI J. P. JAVALI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the new Hubli airport which was brought under air service has become non-functional ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ; and

(c) by when the airport will be made functional again?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The State Government had taken up construction of the Hubli airport for Vayudoot operations. The following works are in progress :—

1. Diversion of a high tension line away from the airport.
2. Asphalting of runway.
3. Provision of operational chain link fencing.

State Government authorities have indicated that these pending works are likely to be completed by the end of June, 1990.

Decrease in Capacity Utilisation of Power Project

730. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a decrease in the capacity utilisation in power projects during the current year as compared to the year 1987-88 ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating the percentage of decrease in their capacity utilisation ; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to increase the capacity utilisation in power projects and develop the existing resources?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) and (b) The average capcity utilisation in thermal power stations on all India basis during April, 1989—February, 1990 is 56·1%, as against 56·0% during the same period in 1987-88.

(c) Various measures being taken to further improve the capacity utilisation of thermal stations include implementation of the centrally sponsored Renovation & Modernisation programme, assistance to State Elec ricy Boards in undertaking Plant betterment programmes as well as in the procurement of spare parts, supply of requisite quality and quantity of coal, training of personnel etc.

Proposal to operate Boeing Service to Tirupati

731. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to operate Boeing service to Tirupati ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?